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**FREEDOM FOR THE ANTI-TERRORIST CUBAN FIVE
 POLITICAL PRISONERS OF THE EMPIRE**

PEOPLES' SOCIAL FORUM

**AUG. 23, 2014 AT 1:00 PM
 Room #FTX 227**

THE FAUTEUX BUILDING, UNIVERSITY OF OTTAWA, 550 CUMBERLAND ST.



FREE THE CUBAN FIVE



THE CUBAN FIVE - ANTONIO GUERRERO, FERNANDO GONZÁLEZ, RAMÓN LABAÑINO, GERARDO HERNÁNDEZ AND RENÉ GONZÁLEZ - were arrested in 1998 for the "crime" of exposing terrorist activities organized out of U.S. territory against the Cuban nation which, to this date, have caused the death of 3478 people.

SCREENING OF: "LEONARD WEINGLASS ON THE CUBAN FIVE – Workshop presentation National Lawyers Guild Convention, Oct. 19, 2002". Leonard Irving Weinglass (August 27, 1933– March 23, 2011) was a U.S. criminal defense lawyer and constitutional law advocate. He championed a number of liberal and radical causes and he served as co-chairman of the international committee of the National Lawyers Guild.

FOLLOWED BY a presentation by Morteza Gorgzadeh of the **TORONTO FORUM ON CUBA**.

FEATURING

- **A SMALL EXHIBITION OF ARTWORKS BY TWO OF THE CUBAN FIVE:** Gerardo Hernández (humorous political cartoons) and Antonio Guerrero (various paintings)
- **AN INFORMATION TABLE** with materials explaining the case from all political/legal and humanitarian aspects.

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(<http://www.torontoforumoncuba.com/activities/workshops-on-the-cuban-five-at-the-peoples-social-forum-aug-23-2014>)

Ferguson to Palestine & Hatuey to the Cuban Five

(<http://www.torontoforumoncuba.com/declarations/ferguson-to-palestine-hatuey-to-the-cuban-five>)

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The racial attacks in Ferguson in the US are nothing new in the history of the United States government's treatment of its own citizens and, in particular, Afro-Americans who were being lynched until recently. The police brutality meted out against Blacks and Michael Brown's recent death, are the continuation of the same hegemonic-read imperialist democracy, approach and practices and nothing else could be expected!

This is why the U.S. government wholeheartedly stands behind the genocidal practices of the Zionist apartheid regime of Israel against the people of Gaza/Palestine and does not hesitate in arming it to its teeth with sophisticated military hardware and software paid for by U.S. taxpayers, through "assistance/cooperation" programs which amount to billions of dollars annually!

While in the history of struggles against colonialism/imperialism many characters are to be recognized. In Cuba, Hatuey, a slave who led other slaves against Spanish colonialism/slavery, was burned at stake so that the rest of the society would not dare to challenge the unjust system which was in place at the time in 1512.

Today the Cuban Five, symbols of the struggles of nations for sovereignty and independence, are paying with their lives behind bars of the dungeons of U.S. imperialism, for the "crimes" they have committed in their youth and are committing today! In their youth, the Cuban Five committed the "crimes" of joining the internationalist brigades of Cuban volunteers in Africa, to fight against South Africa's apartheid regime for Angola and Namibia, along with their sisters and brothers from the continent, who were ready to die for the causes of justice and self-determination.

Today, the same U.S. government that classified Nelson Mandela as a "terrorist" until just a few years ago, is exacting revenge against the Cuban Five for their valour and their tenacity in daring to declare their solidarity with the Palestinians in Gaza and, for sure, their heart goes out to the family of Michael Brown's, who was gunned down by a racist policeman in Ferguson.

To build a "jury of millions" in order to bring the Cuban Five home to their loved ones, we won't stop marching in solidarity against the war in Gaza/Palestine and the racist murder in Ferguson, U.S.. While justice is denied to Michael Brown's family and many others like them; while the people of Gaza/Palestine live under a genocidal land/sea/air blockade while resisting occupation; and while the Cuban Five anti-terrorist political prisoners of the empire and their fellow comrades like Oscar Lopez Rivera, Mumia Abu Jamal, Leonard Peltier and others are not released from the torture chambers of U.S. dungeons, WE WILL KEEP MOBILIZING!

Join us in Ottawa at the *Peoples' Social Forum* and come with us to Cuba for the *X Int'l Colloquium to Free the Cuban Five and Against Terrorism* in September.

Take care and have a nice day.
Brotherly,

Morteza Gorgzadeh
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PS. There are three workshops on Cuba and the Cuban Five at the Peoples' Social Forum. Don't miss them!

Norberto Gonzalez being denied release!

(<http://www.torontoforumoncuba.com/latin-america/norberto-gonzalez-being-denied-release>)

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Message from Orlando and Avelino González Claudio on the imprisonment of their brother Norberto

August 18, 2014

San Juan, Puerto Rico

The Department of Justice of The United States, through the Federal Bureau of prisons and the Probation Board, want to leave the Patriot Norberto González Claudio imprisoned even after he has completed his mandatory sentence on September 7, 2014. This represents a cruel and unusual punishment in retaliation for Norberto's protest and for maintaining an upright position before the abuses to which he is constantly subjected in prison.

Our brother was informed, in spite of the fact the Federal Bureau of prisons designates his release date as on September 7, 2014, date that the Probation Board will held a hearing on October 6, 2014 to determine his release date, which, according to them, will be on an imprecise date in 2015.

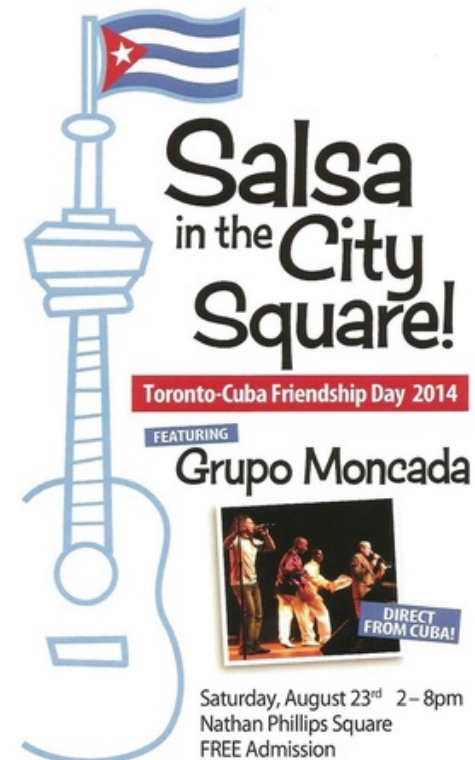
As a matter of fact we must remember that Norberto González Claudio reached a plea agreement with the federal prosecutor's office that among other things:

- Recognized him as a political prisoner, and
- Set a sentence of 5 years, and in accordance with applicable law when the facts of the indictment occurred, he will be release after 2/3 parts of the sentence occurred.

This agreement was approved by the judge and on the basis of that agreement the sentence was issued. Under this agreement the date of release; of the double punishment of prison and exile to a Dungeon in Yankee territory; was set for September 7, 2014. This is the date it has always being shown and still shows in the web page of the Federal Bureau of prisons (to see it go to www.bop.gov and enter 09864-000 in the box for the number of the prisoner).

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